

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) system for delivering voice-based content to a user of a wireless device, comprising:

~~a WAP Server operative to deliver voice-based information to the wireless device over a connection, in response to the receipt of a voice-based content request; and~~

~~a WAP Gateway operative to receive the voice-based content request from the wireless device and to deliver the voice-based content request to a Voice Portal Node;~~

a WAP Server operative to
receive a voice-based content request from the wireless device;
send instructions to a Voice Portal Node to establish a connection
between the wireless device and the Voice Portal Node, in response to receiving the
voice-based content request;

~~wherein the Voice Portal Node is operative~~ operative to place a call to the wireless device, ~~thereby establishing the~~ in response to receiving the instructions from the WAP server to establish a connection between the wireless device and the WAP Server Voice Portal Node; and

the WAP Server further operative to provide the voice-based content to the wireless device over the connection.

2. (Currently Amended) The WAP system of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 22, wherein the WAP Gateway and the Voice Portal Node communicate over a Transport Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) data channel.

3. (Original) The WAP system of Claim 2, wherein the WAP Gateway delivers a directory number of the wireless device to the Voice Portal Node over the TCP/IP data channel, thereby enabling the Voice Portal Node to place the call to the wireless device.

4. (Currently Amended) The WAP system of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 21, wherein the WAP Server and the WAP Gateway communicate over a Transport Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) data channel.

5. (Currently Amended) The WAP system of Claim 1, wherein the Voice Portal Node is further operative to ~~retrieve~~ receive the voice-based content from the WAP Server and to deliver the voice-based content to the wireless device.

6. (Currently Amended) The WAP system of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 5, wherein the voice-based content is delivered to the Voice Portal Node in Voice Extensible Markup Language (VXML) format.

7. (Currently Amended) The WAP system of Claim 6, wherein the Voice Portal Node is further operative to convert the voice-based content in VXML ~~content~~ format received from the WAP Server to an audio message and ~~is further operative~~ to deliver the audio message to the wireless device.

8. (Original) The WAP system of Claim 1, wherein the WAP Server is further operative to send an email message containing the voice-based content in a text form to an email address.

9. (Original) The WAP system of Claim 8, wherein the WAP Server is equipped with an email server operative to format and transmit the email message.

10. (Currently Amended) The WAP system of Claim 1, wherein the WAP Server is further operative to simultaneously ~~deliver~~ provide voice-based and text-based content to the wireless device.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering voice-based content and text-based content to a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) device, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

establishing a WAP-based connection between the WAP device and a WAP Server;

after establishing the WAP-based connection between the WAP device and the WAP Server, determining whether the voice-based content is requested;

if the voice-based content is requested, then establishing a telephonic connection between the WAP device and a Voice Portal Node;

~~retrieving~~ receiving the voice-based content from the WAP server; and
delivering the voice-based content to the WAP device over the telephonic connection; ~~and~~

~~delivering the text-based content to the WAP device over the WAP-based connection.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the step~~ of modifying the delivery of the voice-based content in response to receiving a user instruction over the telephonic connection.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the step~~ of modifying the delivery of the voice-based information in response to receiving a user instruction over the WAP-based connection.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the step~~ of modifying the delivery of the ~~WAP-based information~~ text-based content in response to receiving a user instruction over the telephonic connection.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the step~~ of modifying the delivery of the ~~WAP-based information~~ text-based content in response to receiving a user instruction over the WAP-based connection.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein the WAP-based connection between the WAP device and a ~~WAP Server~~ the WAP Server is made through a WAP Gateway.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the step~~ of prior to delivering the voice-based content to the WAP device over the telephonic connection, translating the voice-based content from a Voice Extensible Markup Language (VXML) data format to an audible message ~~for delivery as the voice-based content.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the step~~ of translating an audible voice user instruction to a Voice Extensible Markup Language (VXML) data format for delivery to the WAP Server.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising ~~the steps~~ of:

accessing a WAP-enabled web site associated with the WAP Server; and
transmitting a voice-based content request to the WAP Server, via the WAP-enabled web site.

20. (Currently Amended) A Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) system for delivering voice-based content and text-based content to a user of a wireless device, comprising:

~~a WAP Server operative to deliver voice based information to a the~~

~~wireless device over a connection, in response to the receipt of a voice-based content request; and~~

~~a WAP Gateway operative to receive the voice-based content request from the wireless device and to deliver the voice-based content request to a Voice Portal Node, the voice-based content request including a directory number of the wireless device;~~

a WAP Server operative to

receive a voice-based content request from the wireless device, the voice-based content request including a directory number of the wireless device;

send instructions to a Voice Portal Node to establish a connection between the wireless device and the Voice Portal Node, in response to receiving the voice-based content request;

~~wherein the Voice Portal Node is operative~~ operative ~~to place a call to the directory number of the wireless device, thereby establishing the~~ in response to receiving the instructions from the WAP server to establish a connection between the wireless device and the ~~WAP Server~~ Voice Portal Node; and

~~wherein the WAP Server is further~~ further ~~operative to simultaneously deliver~~ provide ~~the voice-based content and to deliver the~~ text-based content to the wireless device.

21. (New) The system of Claim 1, wherein the WAP Server receives the voice-based content request from the wireless device via a WAP Gateway.

22. (New) The system of Claim 1, wherein the WAP Server sends the instructions to the Voice Portal Node via a WAP Gateway to establish a connection between the wireless device and the Voice Portal Node.

23. (New) The method of Claim 11, further comprising delivering the text-based content to the WAP device over the WAP-based connection.